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Department of Toxic Substances Control

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Cornfield Railyard Clean Up Begins

Los Angeles --- The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will hold press availability on Wednesday, December 11, 2002, to release information regarding the start of clean up activities and the removal of approximately 3,990 tons of contaminated soil from the former Cornfield Rail Yard site in Los Angeles.

Date: December 11, 2002

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: 1245 North Spring Street

Los Angeles, CA

The Cornfield Rail Yard site, also known as The Cornfields, is an abandoned rail yard located near downtown Los Angeles along the Los Angeles River. The California Department of Parks and Recreation has acquired 32 acres of the site and anticipate developing the property into a state park once the site clean up is complete.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.

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